

T-870
Dashields-Delahay House
Oxford
Private

c. 1885

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until 1915 when she sold the house and lot to Jesse A. Delahay, in whose family the residence remained until the present owners purchased it in 1981.

MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Dashiels-Delahay House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: T-870

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial-Urban Dominance
 1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. T-870
Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Dashields-Delahay House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 226 South Morris Street not for publication

city, town Oxford vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William G. M. and Elspeth Ritchie

street & number 226 South Morris Street telephone no.:

city, town Oxford state and zip code MD 21654

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court Map 400 P. 717
 liber 593

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 282

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-870

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Dashiels-Delahay house is located at 226 South Morris Street in the southern residential district of Oxford, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces east with the hip roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating around 1885-90, the two-story, three-bay by two-bay frame house is supported on a continuous brick foundation and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The medium pitched hip roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story service wing.

The east (main) elevation is a three-bay facade that has been rearranged during the twentieth century. The original front entrance formerly occupied the northern bay of the three-bay facade and was relocated to the south bay when the hall partition was removed when the side passage and parlor were consolidated into one space. The original entrance was repositioned in the southern bay. A four-panel front door is framed by two-light sidelights and it is topped by a three-light transom. Two-over-two sash windows occupy the two adjacent bays, which are also trimmed with louvered shutters. The entire first floor is sheltered by a single story hip roofed porch supported on turned posts. Decorative Victorian style brackets have been added to each post. The second floor is lighted by three slightly uneven two-over-two sash windows.

The north side is dominated by an exterior brick chimney stack that was built around 1940 when the floor plan was rearranged. The south side is defined by a single-story bay window in the southwest bay. Otherwise, two-over-two sash windows light the first and second floors, and each opening is flanked by a pair of louvered shutters. The rear wall is largely covered by the two-story kitchen wing, which is extended on its south side by a shed roofed addition.

Due to the 1940s remodeling the interior reflects a mixture of late nineteenth-century and mid twentieth-century design. A double door opening separates the front parlor of living room from the rear dining room. The staircase was relocated to the northwest corner and is largely enclosed. A Victorian era mantel survives in the dining room. A layer of oak has been laid over the original floors. There is a seam in the flooring between the dining room and the bay window indicating the bay was a later addition, which is corroborated by the Sanborn Insurance maps.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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¹ Talbot County Land Record, 96/312-315, 18 May 1883.

² Sanborn Insurance Map, 1891, Maryland State Archives.

³ Talbot County Land Record, FGW 129/191, 28 December 1897.

⁴ Talbot County Land Record, JTB 559/630, 20 November 1981.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Private Consultant

date 11/20/98

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226 South Morris Street
Oxford, Talbot County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 400, Parcel 717

593/282

William G. M. Ritchie

to

11/19/1984

William G. M. Ritchie
Elspeth J. Ritchie

JTB 559/630

S. Wayne Delahay, Jr.

to

11/20/1981

William G. M. Ritchie

JTB 555/205

S. Wayman Delahay, Jr., Personal Representative of the
Estate of Grace A. Delahay

to

5/15/1981

S. Wayman Delahay, Jr. (and which became the sole and
separate property of said Grace A. Delahay upon the
death of S. Wayman Delahay on 2/5/1957)

LBC 247/2

T. Hughlett Henry, Jr.

to

5/16/1940

S. Wayman Delahay
Grace A. Delahay
(being the same property conveyed to the said T.
Hughlett Henry, Jr. by S. Wayman Delahay and Grace
A. Delahay, and Jesse T. Lemmon and J. L. Lemmon)

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Chain of title continued

TJF 244/379 Jesse A. Delahay, widower

to

7/5/1939 S. Wayman Delahay
Jesse T. Lemmon

CBL 203/296 John R. Delahay

to

8/14/1925 Jesse A. Delahay
Annie J. Delahay

171/1915 Rebecca E. Dashields

to

8/23/1915 Jesse A. Delahay

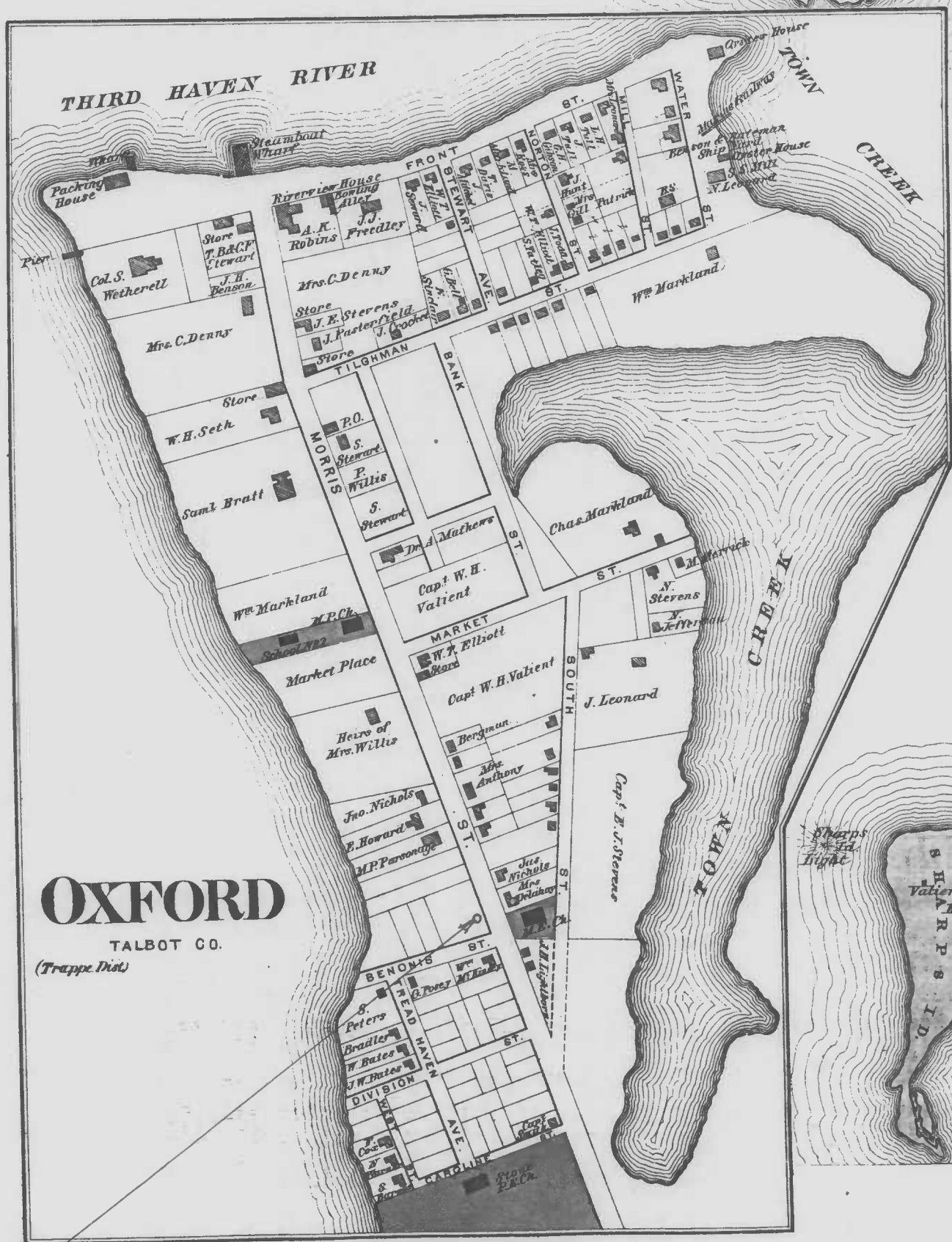
FGW 129/191 William W. Dashields, Baltimore City

to

12/28/1897 Rebecca E. Dashields, Baltimore City

\$400 being the same part of a piece of ground
designated on Plot TBS No. 5 accompanying
the deed of partition between Thomas B.
Stewart and Charles F. Stewart made by
Charles R. Milliken, 5/21/1883, 96/312

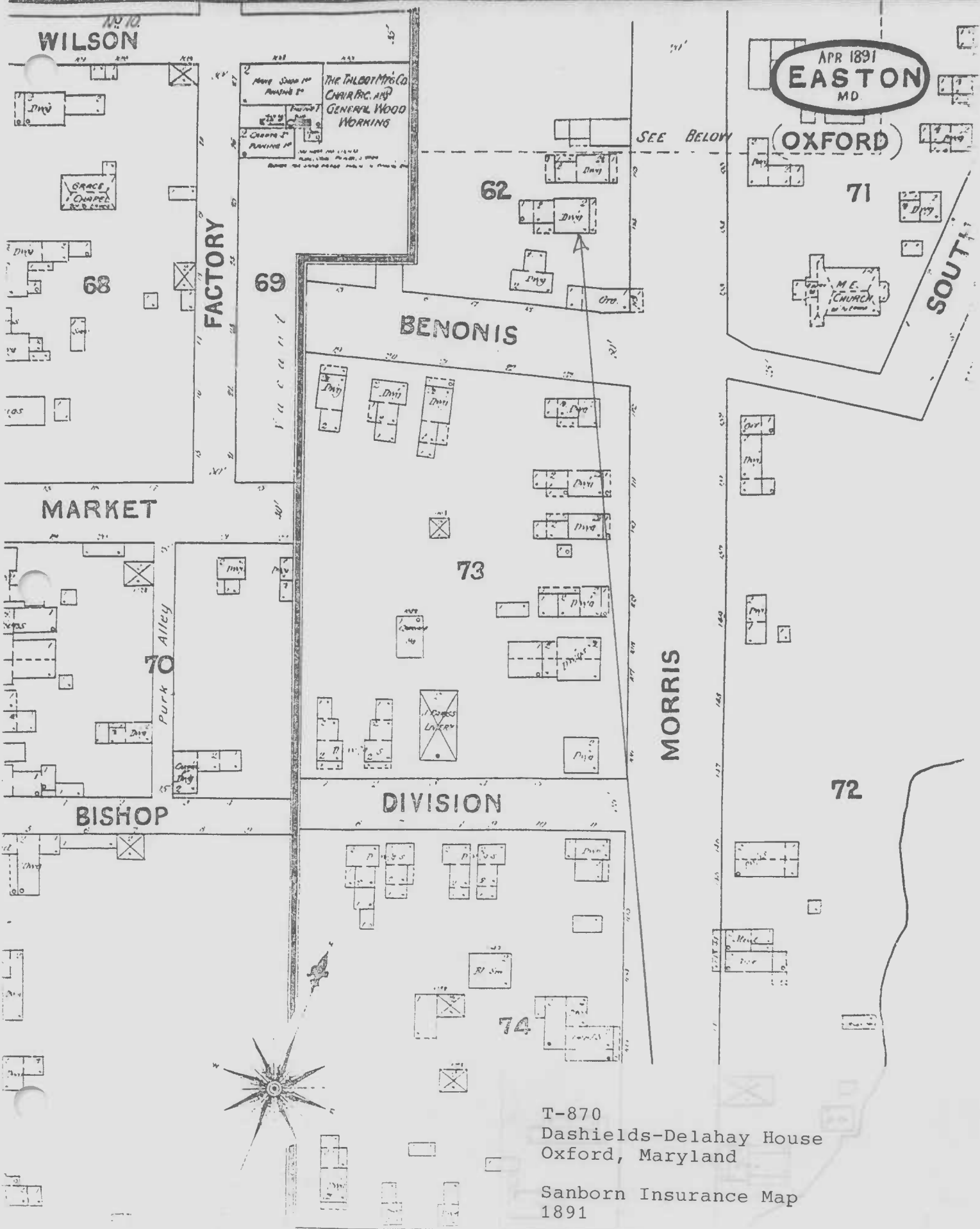
JAMES N. WESTON & SPEAKMAN, Proprietors of Steam Saw Mill. Manufacturers of Native Lumber. Custom Sawing done to order. Mill near Hambleton.



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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877



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Dashields-Delahay House
Oxford, Maryland

Sanborn Insurance Map
1891

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MORRIS

SOUTH

MORRIS

T-870
Dashields-Delahay House
Sanborn Insurance Map
1901

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Scale of Feet.

1901

60'
14

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Dashields-Delahay House
Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



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DRUMMOND DELANEY HOUSE

OXFORD, TAPSCOTT COUNTY, MD.

EAST ELEVATION

6/98, PAUL TOWN, RESTORATION

NEH/MD HISTORICAL TRUST